



**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
Bureau of the Census  
Recruiting Bulletin**

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**CLOSING DATE:** Open Continuously

Recruiting Bulletin No. **02-25-004**  
Chicago Regional Office

**POSITION: FIELD REPRESENTATIVE**  
**SERIES, GRADE, SALARY: GG/GS-0303-Grade 05**  
**SALARY RANGE-** Starting Salary for GG/GS-05 is \$11.84-\$12.48 PH (Depending on location)

**PROMOTION POTENTIAL: GG/GS-05**

**THIS POSITION MAY BE FILLED AS TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT. THERE ARE A LIMITED NUMBER OF POSITIONS BEING FILLED AT THIS GRADE LEVEL.**

**WHO MAY APPLY:** All sources. This vacancy is open to all United States citizens.

**JOB LOCATION:** Jobs are located throughout the states of Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin. Duty location is your home. Applicants will be considered for vacancies in their immediate area within specific geographic boundaries.

**DUTIES:** Interview households at selected addresses. Ask prescribed questions from survey interviewing forms. Maintain repeated contacts with the same households and complete detailed paperwork for each interview. Interviews are conducted in person and by telephone. Laptop computers and paper survey instruments are used for recording interview responses. Conducts interviews with reluctant or refusal households as requested.

The ideal candidate has a desire to work with the public, a persuasive, tactful manner, and is accurate with detailed paperwork. The applicant must be self-motivated, an efficient planner, need little day-to-day supervision, and be able to carefully follow detailed instructions.

**WORK SCHEDULE:** 30-80 hours of work per month, depending on survey workload. Must be available to work flexible hours to accommodate afternoon, evening and weekend work.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Applicants are responsible for ensuring that the application submitted clearly indicates that they meet the qualifications listed below. To be eligible for this position, you must have the experience or education indicated below or a combination of both:

**Grade-05: 1 Year Specialized Experience OR 4 Years of Education Above High School**

Specialized Experience is: One year of specialized experience equivalent to the grade 4 level in the Federal service which demonstrates the ability to: (1) gather, assemble, and edit data; (2) interview respondents to gather and obtain data; (3) operate personal computer to create, edit, print, and retrieve documents.

Education: Successful completion of four years of education in any field above high school. This education must have been obtained in an accredited business, secretarial, or technical school, junior college, college, or university. You **MUST** submit a copy of your college transcripts or a listing of college courses showing course number, title, grade, type (semester/quarter), and number of credit hours. Applicants selected for the position will be required to supply original transcripts.

When combining education and experience to meet this requirement, only education in excess of the first 60 semester hours is creditable.

**BASIS OF RATING: Applicants are required to take a 30 minute Bureau of the Census written exam.**

**HOW TO APPLY:** You must attend a testing session and complete an application and required forms. Please call the Chicago Regional Office at 708-562-1350 for the date, time, and location of a testing session. Former applicants who have tested within the past 6 months will be considered and need not retest. You will need to provide information regarding the following at the testing session:

- Full name, mailing address (including zip code) and day and evening phone numbers (with area code).
- Social Security number.
- Country of Citizenship
- Veteran's Preference - Applicants claiming 5-point veteran's preference must submit a DD-214 to receive preference. Applicants claiming 10-point veteran's preference MUST submit the SF-15, Application for 10-Point Veteran Preference, with the required proof (i.e., statement from the Department of Veterans Affairs dated within the last year) and the latest copy of the DD-214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty.
- Highest education level achieved. Specify: name, city, state, zip code (if known), date or expected date (month/year) of completion of degree requirements, type of degree received, and graduate of foreign universities must include proof of foreign education equivalency to an accredited U.S. college/university.
- To qualify based on education, submit a copy of your college transcript, along with your application.
- Paid and non-paid work experience related to the position. For each work experience include: job title, series/grade (if Federal employment), duties and accomplishments, employer's name and address, supervisor's name and address, starting and ending dates, hours per week, salary, and indicate if we may contact your current supervisor/employer.
- Job-related: training courses (title and year), skills (e.g., other languages, typing speed, computer software/hardware, tools, etc.), certificates/licenses (current), and honors, awards, and special accomplishments (e.g., publications, memberships in professional societies, etc.).
- Individuals with a disability may request reasonable accommodations by calling 708-562-1350.

**CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:**

- Applicants must have a valid driver's license and automobile, and a non-cellular private telephone.
- Public law requires all new appointees to present proof of identity and employment eligibility
- Candidates selected for these positions must sign Mixed Tour Employment agreements outlining the conditions of employment prior to the appointment.
- Applicants appointed through this authority are subject to a 1 year probationary or trial period.
- You will be required to complete a Declaration for Federal Employment (OF-306) to determine your suitability for Federal employment and to authorize a background investigation. You will also be required to sign and certify the accuracy of all the information in your application. If you make a false statement in any part of your application, you may not be hired; or you may be fired after you begin work; or you may be fined or jailed.
- If selected, male applicants over age 18 who were born after 12/31/59 must confirm their selective service registration status. Certification forms will be available at the testing session.
- Employees who receive a Voluntary Separation Incentive payment (VSIP) or "Buyout" and subsequently return to a position in a Federal agency, whether by reemployment or contracts for personal services, are obligated to repay the full amount of the buyout to the agency that paid it.

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